



Meeting of Spiritualities for transitioning away from fossil fuels

Within the framework of the International Conference convened by the governments of Colombia and the Netherlands.

Santa Marta, Colombia, April 24, 2026



Goals:

1. **Incidence:** To create a firm and unifying action that brings together the different religious activities and actions, joining the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Fossil Fuels as religious, spiritual organizations and episcopal conferences.
2. **Contributions to the Treaty:** Prepare technical and ethical contributions to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Fossil Fuels for the negotiating position at COP31.
3. **Coordination:** Complement the technical governing body with an ethical committee grounded on the social teachings of the churches.



4. **Visibility:** Religious and spiritual organizations from around the world have joined the Treaty and endorsed the call of churches, such as the one made by the Episcopal Conferences of the Global South for a fossil fuel-free future.
5. **The voices of the territories and communities:** To encourage the participation of communities, groups, and individuals—committed to climate justice—in order to facilitate their collective and collaborative reflection, so that their voices and proposals may be heard by the government representatives in attendance.
6. **Contribute:** to the development of an effective multilateralism that brings together the voices of governments committed to the defense of life with those of organizations, social movements, and faith-based communities that are mobilizing globally for effective policies that preserve human life and all of nature.

Connection with the pillars and chapters of the conference:

The purpose of this meeting is to contribute to the three pillars of the conference, in particular to that of "Promoting international cooperation and climate diplomacy".

EXPECTED RESULTS:

- Joint declaration submitted to the governments of Colombia and the Netherlands
- Document on contributions to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Fossil Fuels
- Alliance agreement among spiritual networks with a work plan for 2026-2027
- Strengthening networks between organizations, faith communities and social movements through an inventory of the experiences of religious and spiritual communities in decarbonization
- Visibility of territorial experiences of resistance, transition and environmental care.

Place: Colegio Diocesano San José: Av. Libertador N° 16D-48, Santa Marta.



Agenda: Friday, April 24, 2026

Time	Activity	Description
8:00–8:30	Registration	Welcome mural
8:30–9:00	Inauguration: ecumenical and multi-religious celebration	Opening prayer and ritual of connection with the earth. (Plataforma de EcoEspiritualidad)
9:00–9:30	Contextual session - Introduction	<p>Presentation: This process, the production of a declaration with the inputs from this meeting and the 2026-2027 projection.</p> <p>Similarly, present the various contributions to this conference from religious organizations: Laudato Si', WCC, CELAM, SICSAL, Faith Network for Climate Justice, CIDSE, and others.</p> <p>It includes context (COP16 - COP31, ICARRD, Water Summit), analysis, principles, recommendations to governments, contributions to the Treaty and advocacy agenda.</p>
9:30-10:30 7' each	Panel 1: Knowledge for the elimination of fossil fuels.	<p>Moderator: Monsignor Raúl Vera López, SICSAL co-president Oscar Arnulfo Romero, Bishop Emeritus of Saltillo, Mexico</p> <p>What is the state of global warming and why is the transition away from fossil fuels part of the solution?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. Hollman Bonilla. Director of Education and Participation, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development - Dr. Tatiana Roa, former Deputy Minister of the Environment - Ms. Madeleine Wörner - Misereor - Dr. Kumi Naidoo. Chairman of the Fossil Fuels Treaty Initiative. - Mayor, Didier Chamuscuy, Comunidad Misak Misak. <p>20 min: exchange with the participants Dialogue with speakers via link (QR code). Contributions to the declaration</p>
10:30-11:00		Café



<p>11:00-12:00</p> <p>7' each</p>	<p>Panel 2: Contributions to the Treaty: Reasons of faith / spirituality that motivate us to work for the elimination of fossil fuels.</p>	<p>Moderator: Dr. Teresa Subieta, former Bolivian ambassador to the Vatican</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rev. Emilie Smith, Co-President of SICSAL and member of CONVIDA20 - Dr. Athena Peralta, World Council of Churches, WCC - Msgr. Domingo Ulloa, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Panama and Second Vice-President of CELAM. Churches of the Global South - Jocabed Reina Solano Miselis, Director of Indigenous Memory, Panama. Red de Fe por la Justicia Climática, Abya Yala, Latin America and the Caribbean. <p>Questions and comments via QR form</p> <p>20 min: exchange with the participants Dialogue with speakers via link (QR code). Contributions to the declaration</p> <p>Direct interventions from the attendees regarding cases of harm caused by oil, coal and gas companies.</p>
<p>12:00-1:00</p> <p>7' each</p>	<p>Panel 3: Faith-based organizations. Faith and ethics of transitioning away from fossil fuels.</p>	<p>Moderator: Red de Fe por la Justicia Climática Abya Yala</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Iglesias y Minería: a warning about a transition that involves more exploitation of Mother Earth's minerals. - Laudato Si' Movement: Lessons from Divestment in Fossil Fuels. Yeb Saño, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Laudato Si' Movement and Filipino activist. - Local resistance to coal mining. Victims of coal mining. - Hope for new generations in a just transition, Youth Sown with Peace, Franciscan Community -CASFA, Bogotá. - Lutheran World Federation. Just Transitions and Human Rights. A View from Faith Communities. - REPAM: Juan Felipe Martínez. Political Advocacy Representative. <p>20 min: exchange with the participants Dialogue with speakers via link (QR code). Contributions to the declaration</p> <p>Direct interventions from the attendees regarding cases of harm caused by oil, coal and gas companies.</p>
<p>1:00-2:00</p>	<p>Lunch</p>	



2.00-2.30	Explanation of Working Group Sessions	Presentation: Statement, Ethical Committee, and the Treaty
2:30-4:00	Moments of Revelation: Working group sessions	Working groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Getting to know each other: North/South and territories • Resonating with the statement • Envisioning the Future and Contributions to the Ethical Committee
4.00-5:00	Deliberative Assembly	Drafting the final declaration: reading the reflections of the working groups, amendments to the final declaration, approval.
5:00-6:00	Ceremony closing and formal handover	Reading of the approved declaration. Delivery to the governments of Colombia and the Netherlands. Signing of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Fossil Fuels. Signing of the Alliance Agreement between spiritual networks with a work plan for 2026-2027
18:00	Celebration	Closing ceremony - Closing prayer (RIM + REPAM + REMAM + Muiscas + Kankuamos + Misak)

Request:

Institutional recognition of the Ethical Committee as a supplementary body that collaborates with official agencies and assists with the follow-up efforts resulting from the conference.